



Weekly Calendar

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 10 through January 19, 2025 (one week)

Go to our website at fmcquaker.org for an online version of this Weekly Calendar and much, much more!

DATE		EVENT
Sat 1/11	7:00am	Registration opens for the 1/31-2/1 Women's Onsite Silent Retreat . Click here for details and a link to the registration form and here for the retreat schedule. Please register by emailing womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org ASAP after registration opens to let the registrar know you want to come. Also, when possible, fill out the registration form and return it by email or by dropping it off in the mail slot on the FMC Office door. Space is limited to 15 but spots will be held for those unable to travel to Hingham. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
	6:00– 8:00pm	SciFi-Fantasy Reading Aloud (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper at scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun 1/12	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Open Zoom). "Exploring Practices of Reparations and Restorative Justice in Household Finances" with Susan Davies and Nancy Frost. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:30am	Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship (Meetinghouse / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jan Nisenbaum at careofworship@fmcquaker.org
	10:30– 11:45am	First Day School (In-Person). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org
	11:45am– 12:15pm	Fellowship with Refreshments (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at refreshments@fmcquaker.org
	12:00– 12:30pm	Afterthoughts (Parlor / Zoom). Childcare is provided. Most Sundays, there is an informal time for conversation on this Zoom link after the end of Afterthoughts. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Wendy Sanford at afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org

Sun 12	12:15– 1:45pm	Extended Simple Lunch with Friends (Friends Room). Friends have requested more time to socialize and connect over lunch, so we'll be extending Simple Lunch to 1:45pm. We'll then transition to an informal opportunity to explore concepts and attitudes that affect meeting finances (hybrid). All are welcome! A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
	1:45– 3:00pm	Dessert with the Treasurer (Friends Room / Open Zoom). After an extended Simple Lunch join us for an informal opportunity to explore concepts and attitudes that affect the meeting finances with TylaAnn Burger, FMC Treasurer. Those participating on-site are invited to bring a dessert to share. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Mon 13	11:00am– 1:00pm	Ad Hoc Adult Spiritual Education Working Group (Zoom). Email Jennifer Hogue at spiritualed@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	6:30– 8:00pm	Stone of Hope Drumming Circle (Meetinghouse). Toussaint Liberator leads this weekly program focused on learning to play West African rhythms on the djembe drums. Come check out the magic that's restarted weekly at FMC. All levels of drumming experience are welcome. Drums are available to borrow but bring your own if you have one. Contact Minga Claggett-Borne / Dan Fitzmartin at stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org .
Tus 14	12:30– 1:30pm	FMC Gaza Planning Subcommittee (Zoom). Email Skip Schiel / Don Gianniny / Dinah Starr / Sarah Allen at gaza@fmcquaker.org for event information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	Trustees Committee (Zoom). Email Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
	7:00– 9:00pm	Fellowship & Outreach Committee (F&O) (Zoom). To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 891 5182 3153 and passcode 402129 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Holly Lapp at fellowship@fmcquaker.org
Wed 15	8:30– 10:00am	Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship (Parlor / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Jonathan Vogel-Borne / Sara Sue Pennell at midweek@fmcquaker.org
	7:00– 8:30pm	Community, Ministry, and Technology Group (Zoom). Email Leo Bray / Cornelia Parkes at cmt@fmcquaker.org for meeting information.
Sun 19	9:15– 10:15am	Forum (Parlor / Zoom). "My Spiritual Journey" with Bill Heinemann. Childcare is provided. To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact George Campbell / Jan Nisenbaum at forum@fmcquaker.org
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Sun 19	10:30– 11:45am	<u>First Day School</u> (In-Person). Children join their families for the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, and then go to their own program at 10:45am. Contact Zoe Zurad at <u>youthministries@fmcquaker.org</u>
	10:45– 11:45am	<u>Meeting for Worship Outside Raytheon</u> (In-Person, Off Site). Limited carpools leave FMC at 10:30am. Contact John Bach at <u>bolder@fmcquaker.org</u>
	11:45am– 12:15pm	<u>Fellowship with Refreshments</u> (On-Site). Enjoy conversation with refreshments served either in the Friends Room (mask optional) or outdoors (weather permitting). Contact Holly Lapp / Amanda Marcus / Caren Seagraves at <u>refreshments@fmcquaker.org</u>
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	12:15– 1:00pm	<u>Opening Reception for Mary Lydecker's Art Show</u> (Friends Room). We will have refreshments, and Mary will be available to talk about her work. At this time, the Exhibits Committee has not seen clear to provide a hybrid experience given the sound level and chaotic nature of people milling around—plus the need to place food tables in the center of the room. Contact George Campbell at <u>exhibits@fmcquaker.org</u>
	4:45– 5:45pm	<u>Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship</u> (Parlor). All are invited to attend this meeting for worship before the Young Adult Friends monthly on-site potluck in January. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
	6:00– 8:00pm	<u>Young Adult Friends Potluck</u> (Parlor). All those 18-35ish are invited to this potluck dinner at FMC. Bring food to share if you would like, but please join us even if you do not bring a dish. Contact Walker Bristol / MaryGrace Menner at <u>yafs@fmcquaker.org</u>
	7:00– 8:30pm	<u>"Kind of Blue" – Celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.</u> (Open Zoom). Much has been written about the Miles Davis recording "Kind of Blue". It is quite possibly the most widely known jazz recording. Analysis and commentary aside, it is just beautiful music beautifully played. Please join us as we listen to and then discuss this inspiring music. To participate, <u>click this link</u> or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on <u>Zoom.com</u> , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Dan Fitzmartin / David Doms at <u>mlkevent@fmcquaker.org</u>

SAVE THE DATE

Mon	6:00–	<u>THE ENORMOUS CHORUS: Peace-Caroling on MLK Day</u> (Meetinghouse and Off-Site in Harvard Square). Come together to learn a range of iconic songs about peace and justice (e.g., "We Shall Overcome" and "Ain't Gonna Study War No More") and sing them on a jubilant walk through Harvard Square. Lyrics will be provided. We also encourage participants to bring copies of songs they'd like to share. Click <u>here</u> for more details. Organized by the <u>Woodberry Poetry Room at Harvard</u> and <u>K/I/N/D/R/E/D</u> and co-sponsored by FMC's Fellowship & Outreach and Peace & Social Justice Committees. Contact: Holly Lapp at <u>fellowship@fmcquaker.org</u>
1/20	7:30pm	

Tues 1/21	6:30— 8:30pm	QT Soup Party (Friends Room). Soup will not save us, but it does taste good. Please join us for an LGBTQ+ soup party (for QTs and allies). Optional things to bring: a soup, yourself (!!!), a donation for the QT Library, a book for the FMC queer books collection, a friend, a side, more soup. Learn more about the QT Library here . Contact Charlie Pereli Silberstein at lgtbq@fmcquaker.org .
Thu 1/23	6:30— 7:30pm	Newcomers & Seekers (Open Zoom). Join us for an evening virtual gathering with long-time Friends from our community as well as others newer to the meeting who are exploring Quakerism. This month we'll explore how Quaker testimonies inspire us to be in community, helping one another up with a tender hand. Stay until 8:00 pm if you want to dive deeper or ask additional questions. To participate, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Sarah Allen / Daniel Fitzmartin at newcomers@fmcquaker.org
Sun 1/26	12:15— 1:00pm	Simple Lunch (Friends Room). A \$6-7 donation is requested to cover the cost of the vegan soup, salad and bread provided, but you are invited regardless of whether you can contribute money. Contact Tom Sander / David Smith / Alasdair Post-Quinn at simplelunch@fmcquaker.org
Sun 1/26	1:15— 3:00pm	Threshing Session on Worship (Friends Room / Open Zoom). To participate using Zoom, click this link or provide the meeting ID 783 475 1861 and passcode 1652 (if requested) on Zoom.com , the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Contact Blue Sky Group at blueskygroup@fmcquaker.org
Fri 1/31 6:00pm — Sat 8:30pm		Women's Winter Silent Retreat at Longfellow Park (On-Site). Registration opens Saturday, January 11 at 7am. Click here for details and a link to the registration form and here for the retreat schedule. Early registration is recommended so you don't miss getting a spot. This will be a Friday evening through Saturday evening retreat at Longfellow Park, with potluck and brown-bag meals and sleeping at home. Click here for the retreat schedule. (Distant folks can be hosted locally. Adventurous people can sleep on the floor in the Friends Center, which might be fun.) Free. We will have opening and closing circles, and silence, as usual. Some of the 15 spaces will be held for those who cannot get to the off-site women's retreats in Hingham, MA. Contact Sandy Sweetnam at womens-retreat@fmcquaker.org
Sat 2/1	7:00— 8:30pm	Midwinter Concert for Massachusetts Peace Action (Meetinghouse). Charlie King and Ben Grosscup will perform. Click here to learn more about Massachusetts Peace Action. There will be information tables and light refreshments. Watch for more details and ticket prices as the event approaches. Sponsored by Peace & Social Justice Committee. Contact John Bach at bolder@fmcquaker.org
Fri 3/28 — Sun 3/30		All-Meeting Retreat (Off-Site at Woolman Hill in Deerfield, MA). Six years after our last retreat at Alfred, ME we will gather at Woolman Hill for a weekend of questioning, sharing, worship, fellowship, and fun. Families welcome. The theme and the cost are to be determined. Contact Sandy Sweetnam / Jan Nisenbaum at allmeetingretreat@fmcquaker.org

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

Tuesdays 8:30-9:00am	Prayer for Peace sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Europe and Middle East Section (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by FWCC .
Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
Fridays 12:00-1:00pm	Action Hour for a Cease-Fire Now (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee .
Wed 1/15 7:00-8:30pm	Rising Together: Resilience & Action for Trying Times with Dan Hunter (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness .
Wed 1/15 7:30-8:30pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: Experiment with Light for Living in Uncertain Times with Jaimie Mudd (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Fri 1/24 – Sun 1/26	On the Threshold of Tomorrow: Lessons from 5 Years in the Covid Era with Holly Baldwin (Off-Site at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston / Zoom). Click here to read more about plans for this weekend retreat, schedules, and fees. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
4th Tuesdays beginning 1/28 7:00-8:30pm	Immigration Justice Mutual Support Check In (Zoom). If you are committed to assisting immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers among us, whether as part of a monthly meeting committee, a recognized ministry, or an individual leading, you are invited to join us for a monthly Zoom check in through the Yearly Meeting. We hope to offer mutual support and encouragement, and perhaps an exchange of knowledge and resources as well. Free. Register here . Sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting .
Tue, 1/28 8:00-9:00pm	Welcome the 119th Congress with Action (Zoom). Join FCNL's team to learn about the top issues we'll be mobilizing around in the coming months and how you can be an effective advocate, promote FCNL's policy solutions, and build strong relationships. RSVP here . Sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation .
Four Wed 1/29-2/19 7:00-8:30pm	Grandparenting Creatively in a Quakerly Manner (Zoom). This workshop is an invitation to gather with other Friends to discuss the joys and challenges of grandparenting with Harriet Heath and Beth Collea. Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Religious Education Collaborative .
Wed, 1/29 7:00-8:30pm	From COP29 to DC: Climate Action and the Future We Need with Daren Caughron (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness .
Wed 1/29 7:30-8:30pm	Midweek Experiment in Faithfulness: The Power of Less with Desiree Adkins (Zoom). Free. Register here . Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House .
Feb 2/1/25 – Feb 2/9/25	Friends General Conference Online Gathering (Zoom). Theme: A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail. Click here for lots of details. Register here . Sponsored by Friends General Conference .

Reminders

To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website [calendar](#).

The deadline for the next FMC Weekly Calendar is Monday, January 13 at 11:59pm. This next issue will cover events taking place from **Friday, January 17 through Sunday, January 26 (one week)**. Please send your announcement to publications@fmcquaker.org.

To request an event (Zoom, on-site or hybrid), email scheduling@fmcquaker.org.

To request an FMC meeting on your Zoom account, please include the Zoom link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fill out your [FMC Library Survey](#) by the new extended deadline of **Sunday, 1/26/25**. The Library Committee is seeking community guidance to help plan their future projects and acquisitions. Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

On Sunday 1/26/25, Trustees Committee will have a fire in the Meetinghouse fireplace during Meeting for Worship. Those wishing to worship on-site in a space with no fire are invited to worship in the Parlor with those on Open Zoom. Please send any comments and questions to Mark Webster / David White at trustees@fmcquaker.org

[Bring food pantry/toiletry/hygiene donations through January 2025](#). First Day School welcomes all to bring donations of non-perishable and unexpired food items as well as unused toiletries and hygiene products throughout January 2025. First Day School families will deliver our FMC donations locally. A donation box will be available in the Library throughout the month and in the Meetinghouse foyer on Sundays. Contact Zoe Zurad at youthministries@fmcquaker.org

Please help protect the Meetinghouse cork floor. When the pavement outside is snowy, salty, or wet, please remember to bring dry shoes or slippers to change into or borrow some FMC slippers. Boot trays for storing wet/salty footwear are available in the foyer of both the Meetinghouse and the Friends Center.

Are you seeking to form deeper connections with others at FMC? How about gathering in a small group to focus on a topic or activity/hobby of special interest? I want to help facilitate bringing your group together. Please contact me with a focus or activity that you want to gather around. I will help facilitate connecting you like-spirited folks to decide on the details (time, place, frequency, virtual, hybrid, etc.) Contact me, Alberta Guise, at smallgroups@fmcquaker.org. Sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Education Working Group.

We gratefully accept donations [on-line here](#).

[Click this link](#) to see additional community announcements. Scroll down the right-hand column.

PERSONAL NEWS

You can read the [January 5 issue of Blue Sky Bits here](#). These short publications are a project of the Blue Sky Group. Each issue features info about community members, photos from recent events, short articles, and cartoons—including requests for captions and captions submitted. [Click here](#) to access back issues and see an index to help you find items of special interest to you.

[Longtime FMC member Louise Bruyn died on December 1, 2024](#). Click [here](#) to read a remembrance of Louise by Green Newton, an organization she founded in 1990 and served as president of from 1990-2000. Click [here](#) to read her obituary.

Jim Hannon has a relatively new Substack, *Tambourines and Elephants* (at jimhannon.substack.com). It's subtitled "Celebrating Life, Defending Democracy, Fighting Fascism." He says it is for everyone who wants to appreciate existence, honor humanity's heroes, and build a more just, peaceful, and loving society. Click [here](#) to see the full archive of his posts. You can also subscribe to get notified each time he posts something by clicking [here](#)

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To obtain a copy of the FMC Directory, go to <https://community.fmcquaker.org/> or email publications@fmcquaker.org

We invite newcomers to introduce themselves and indicate their interests by filling out the [Newcomers Card here](#).